

county of Penne and installed
themselves in 1
places of the Lombard lords of those
districts.

Another Guiscard might have
maintained a fi
hold upon such distant adventurers,
who natura
looked on their acquisitions as the
reward of th
own daring. Under a weak duke
the Norms
over the Fortore and among the
mountain fa
nesses of the Abruzzi would be
emboldened
proclaim themselves no man's men.
Even sou
of that line Guiscard's power had
been shaken
several formidable revolts. The
"Apulian bare
age" began under the great Duke
that career¹
faction and resistance which
distinguished th<
for four centuries yet. The
country they h
conquered, with its countless
mountain-glens a?
hill-spurs eminently suited to the
feudal castle, fa
cured their spirit of isolated
independence. Th
owned no allegiance to the upstart
Hautevil]
save what could be wrung out of them.
The due
power imposing feudal burdens
upon them ai
bridling their privileges was as odious
to them as¹
their brothers in England at a later
time; in 10'
the Apulian vassals burst out into a
bloody ai
desperate insurrection when Guiscard
demands
an "aid" at the marriage of his
daughter. If th<

dared defy the ducal power there
were oth!
names to date their sovereign acts by;
if they cou!
not venture on a full independence,
they were i
ready as the Apulian cities to adopt
the Basilel
of Constantinople as their sovereign,

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In addition to these numerous and
dangeroi